



State of Delaware
Homeland Security Advisory Council
(HSAC)

Minutes

07/19/17

0900-1100

Public Safety Building
Main Conference Room
303 Transportation Circle
Dover DE 19901

PUBLIC SESSION - Welcome, Call to Order, and Room Introductions

Secretary Robert Coupe, Chair called the meeting to order after determining that a quorum of members was present at 9:00 am. Those in attendance were as follows:

Voting Council Members

Secretary Robert Coupe	Department of Safety & Homeland Security - Chair
Raymond Holcomb, HSA	Department of Safety & Homeland Security – Co-Chair
Lt. Colonel Monroe Hudson	Delaware State Police
Elayne Starkey, CSO	Department of Technology & Information
Gene Donaldson, TMC Mgr.	Department of Transportation/TMC
Colonel Richard Arroyo	Delaware River & Bay Authority, Chief of Police
Steven Blessing	DHSS/Division of Public Health, Section Chief
Director A. J. Schall	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Joseph Aviola	Wilmington University

Director Scott Vien
Heather L. Hirst
John Sadowski
LTC Garland Pennington

DeIDOT/Division of Motor Vehicles
State Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture
Education Associate, School Climate and Discipline
Director of Military Support

Non-voting Attendees

Council Support

Major Daniel Meadows Delaware Information & Analysis Center (DIAC)/OIC

Council Legal Staff

DAG Lisa Morris Department of Justice, Civil Division

Federal, State & Local Partners Non-voting Attendees

Ken Greeson	Protective Security Advisor, Department of Homeland Security
Drew Aydelotte	Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
Lt. Tim Hulings	Delaware Information & Analysis Center/DSP
Joseph Hughes	Delaware League of Local Governments (DLLG)
James S. Markley	Supervisory Special Agent (FBI Baltimore)
James Hosfelt	Director of Public Safety and Track Operations
Mike Merson	Department of Corrections
Tim Hulings	Delaware State Police
Marvin Mailey	Dover Police Department
William Crotty	Delaware State Police (DIAC)

Approval of Minutes

- Gene Donaldson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by AJ Schall and unanimously approved by voting members of the Council in attendance.

Presentation

A presentation was given by Dennis Godek (NCC Fire Chiefs Association), Larry Tan (NCCEMS) and Matt Gajdos (DSFS). The Presentation covered Law Enforcement, Firefighters and Emergency Personnel working together to respond to incidents of mass violence, and to launch a rescue task force model in Delaware. The goal of the Rescue Task Force (RTF) is to not take stretchers into the building, but to provide care and extract victims as quickly as possible. The training will be split between; awareness, operations and then joint training.

All Steps followed from the moment a call is received are important, it begins with the dispatcher to know what the situation is. Is there an active shooter? What is the physical location? Everyone needs to know where to go once on the scene. We do not want to send EMS into a warzone. The average active shooter situation is 13 minutes long. Examples were given of active shooters: Columbine, Virginia Tech, and Aurora Colorado Movie Theatre. The most important thing to ensure the best level of response is to not only practice drills but to continue to follow up and Police, Fire and EMS practice them together. Milford Middle School was used as an example of an ideal area to do a practice drill. Triage tags on dummies can be used to indicate what injury or scenario is taking place. Police, Fire and EMS would respond as if it were a real person in this situation by providing triage treatment and extricating through RTF format. All Tactical Medics that have law enforcement component will go into a scene. EMS that does not have law enforcement training will go into a scene with police protection, one in front and one behind them. Teams that are not tactical will work on "Stop the Bleed" and then vacate the building. Stop hemorrhaging and clear blocked airways. It is always good to remember there is no safe scene. Just because an area is clear does not mean it is safe scene. A finalized RTF policy should be done by November or December.

Secretary Coupe bought up the challenge of having the proper tactical equipment and protection that is needed.

A discussion took place at the end of the presentation regarding funding for tactical equipment and having the proper amount of tactical protection needed.

DEMA

The application process of the 2017 grants have been completed. DEMA has carved out \$30,000 for tactical protection. Public Health has some equipment that they will assign and donate. AJ briefed us that they are ready to do a tabletop with our partner the Olsen Group to bring this to each county. Secretary Coupe also emphasized the importance that all groups, Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement are unified with a code of response. The ideal plan is to have Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement within the same districts work together. This will take a commitment but will be the best plan.

A discussion took place regarding mass casualties, Fire Police Incident Plans and the best route/prices of getting tactical equipment needed.

DIAC

The DIAC Briefed us that there have been disruption arrests in Hawaii focusing on supporting ISIS. Also there was a bombing at a Manchester Concert. The George Washington University recently put out a publication, "Islamic State in America" In 2014, 128 people were arrested supporting ISIS, seeking travel abroad. Many of the terrorist leaders like Al Shabaab encourage individual supporters not to travel but to focus on targets at home. We should focus on the issue that most of the dangerous people are here. If there is nowhere to travel what will they do with their idle time?

DIAC has published a NCTC first responder's tool kit and information about multiple style attacks on their website. They recommend all responders take a look at. This information is a great resource.

FBI

Domestic Policy Center offers assistance to Law Enforcement. A discussion took place regarding the threat of terrorist being here. Ray Holcomb stated, "The threat level is the highest it has ever been; we are in a dangerous time and we should not put our guard down". There is an ongoing effort to build a state Cybersecurity group comprised of individuals from various public and private sectors and holding secret or higher security clearances.

Members of this group would take classified information and prepare unclassified versions that could be shared with a wider audience. Intelligence Analyst from DIAC would help train the members of this group. The Cyber Security mission has to be clarified and formalized before recruitment. This is a work in progress.

Department of Agriculture

The Department of Agriculture will be monitoring the health and welfare of the animals at the Delaware State Fair. If any of the animals show signs of illness they are sent home. Complaints of heat And welfare are received and reviewed. There are two investigators that are at the fair as long as the animals are present. - Law Enforcement evaluates threat assessment of large events and has fair security and Troopers that are there monitoring threats and postures going on around the world with large crowd events. There has been no Avian Flu reported in domestic birds since the last meeting but the disease is still circulating in China.

Delaware River Bay Authority

Colonel Richard Arroyo briefed everyone about the first bridge run on the Delaware Memorial Bridge in October. This event is for First Responders so it could be a target for terrorism. There will be an operation plan with about fifty cars to cover the bridge. The plan is to have threat assessments done right up until the time of the event, to ensure the walk is the safest it can be. Sunday at 5:00 am, people should start to arrive, 7:00 am will be the kick off for the run, and by 8:00 am the bridge needs to be clear. Operation plans will be in effect, UAV's will be employed and possibly The Delaware State Police helicopter. Any ideas and all input are welcome. The run will be capped at 1000 participants.

DEMA

AJ Schall, grant is submitted. All help and assistance everyone gave is greatly appreciated. Sub grant awards are being sent out now. Public and Social Services will have a mass care exercise as a part of their updating standard operating procedures every two years. Renee Hupp and Paige Fitzgerald will be working on the annual strategic review. Marny McLee will be leaving the Citizen Corp Program at the end of the month and the new person will have big shoes to fill. We will be posting the position. The program has been nationally recognized and all of Marny's hard work is very much appreciated

Wilmington University/ AJ Schall

There will be a workshop on Tuesday July 25th for the School Safety Program. We are working with the College to have continuing education credits for school staff. The Comprehensive School Safety Staff is working to create training and working on getting this online. This will be in addition to the two classes a year, not in lieu of it. Evelyn Brown and Willie Patrick are doing a great job talking to administrators and principals. Packets and strategies to use in Emergency situations are being distributed. Sometimes the students are calmer than the teachers, so getting this information to both sides is important.

Dover PD

Saturday August 19, 2017 Comic Con will be held. Legislative Hall and Lockerman Street will be closed down. There will be approximately 5000 people attending this event and should be on everyone's radar.

Public Health

Steve Blessing briefed us on opioids issues, they are still presently a problem. Grants are due. (Questions were asked about funding) What will happen if Public Health and other Social Service Agencies funding is cut? What will be the strategic plan and direction? Office of EMS is fully engaged. Possible hiring, there have been staff changes. Dealing with a short time to get these grants out, it has been hard with staff changes. Once grants are completed we would like to do a briefing. Possibly Tim or DIAC can do a briefing when more information is complete in a couple of months.

A conversation took place regarding the grants and the use of Narcan among Law Enforcement.

Department of Motor Vehicle

Early stages for a new mobile driver's License is in early stages of development. This will let officers know who is in the car before they even approach the car. This new type of license will not replace the hard licenses but it will be accessible mobile. Iowa was the first state to pilot this program. We are in the phase one /pilot program and there will be more information to come. There is still a lot to work out. (A discussion of questions and answers took place regarding the mobile licenses and how the system will work). A new design will be on the hard plastic license in the Spring timeframe. Facial recognition technology is in progress to make sure each person has one set of license in the system. There is only one identity is being used. There has been a FIOA request regarding who is using are system and who pictures are being shared with. There is a possibility that sharing pictures with Law Enforcement maybe requested, however we are hopeful we will not be forced into not sharing. We would like to continue sharing with Law Enforcement.

Events

Dover Air Force Base Air Show takes place August 26-27, 2017 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Spring NASCAR and Firefly takes at least 1000 people a day to make it work. People from DelDOT, Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement, a big thanks to everyone that was involved and helped out. First briefings for Firefly begin tomorrow 7/20. Next Tuesday we will have teams coming in for the Goodyear Tire Fest. The Fall NASCAR Race is October 1st. This will be a busy day in the Delaware for Law Enforcement with the Bridge Run taking place.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m. following a motion by Gene Donaldson and unanimously approved by the voting members in attendance.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

9:00 am – 11:00 am

**Location: Delaware Emergency Management Agency
James E. Turner III Educational Center**

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